THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Representation of SC/ST Women in Judiciary

†1924. SHRI JANESHWAR MISRA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that representation of women belonging to Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe is almost negligible in the Judiciary; and

(b) if so, whether Government will take steps to give reservation to these categories atleast in district courts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Appointment of Judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts is made under Articles 124 and 217 of the Constitution of India which do not provide for reservation for any class of persons.

(b) As per Articles 233, 234 and 235 of the Constitution of India, the matter relating to appointment, promotion and posting of persons in District and Subordinate Judiciary are within the purview of the respective State Governments and High Courts.

Employment of Disabled in Private Sector

1925. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that private sector is under no obligation legally to provide employment to the disabled;

(b) if so, whether there is a proposal for doing so;

(c) whether the publications to educate disabled on the benefit etc. available to them are published in English only; and

(d) if so, whether it would be done in other languages also?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.